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CHEZ HOPE, INC.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

Franklin, LA

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors of Chez Hope, Inc. Franklin, LA 70879-7308

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Louisiana Chez Hope, Inc. (a nonprofit entity) as of June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Chez Hope, Inc. 's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chez Hope, Inc. as of June 30, 2001 and the changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Staes of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated August 30, 2001 on my consideration of the Chez Hope, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

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My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Chez Hope, Inc. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Eileen Shanklin Andrus

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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August 30, 2001

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2001

ASSETS

Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 32,383
Grant Receivables	38,730
Prepaid Expenses	3,084
Equipment and Furniture	
(net of accumulated	
depreciation of \$ 70,803)	247,687
Total Assets	\$ <u>321,884</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,922
Accrued Expenses	13,819
Notes Payable	12,524
Long- Term Debt	52,814
Total Liabilities	88,079
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted	26,047
Unrestricted Net Assets	207,758
Total Net Assets	233,805
Total Liabilities	
and Net Assets	\$ <u>321,884</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	UNRE-	TEMPORARILY	
INCREASES IN NET ASSETS	STRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
SUPPORT:			
Federal Financial Assistance			
Emergency Shelter Grant	- <i>-</i> \$	45,951 \$	45,951
Louisiana Commission on Law Enf.		40,803	40,803
Metropitan District Law Enf.		53,206	53,206
Office of Women's Services		67,857	67,857
Violence Against Women		20,617	20,617
Louisiana Coaltion Against			
Domestic Violence		42,386	42,386
State Financial Assistance			
Office of Women's Services		121,553	121,553
Children's Trust Fund		5,000	5,000
Local Financial Assistance			
Office of Women's Services			
Marriage License Funds		14,991	14,991
Local Government Grants		30,000	30,000
Private Grants			
United Way \$	55,600		55,600
Louisiana Bar Foundation		18,000	18,000
Other	21,388		21,388
Contributions			
Total Support	76,988	460,364	<u>537_352</u>
REVENUE			
Fundraising	571		571
Batterers Intervention Fees	61.873	<u></u>	61,873
Total Revenue	62,444	<u></u>	52.444
Total Revenue and Support	139,432	460,364	599,796
Assets Released			
From Restrictions	450,567	(450,567)	- ha
Total Increase in Net Assets	<u>589,999</u>	9,797	<u> 796, 796</u>
DECREASES IN NET ASSETS			
EXPENSES:			
Program Services	442,604		442,604
Management & General	32,192	<u> </u>	32,192
Total Decrease in Net Assets	474,796		474,796
			
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Asse	t 115.203	<u>9.,797</u>	125,000
Beginning Net Assets	92,555	16,250	108,805
Net Assets, June 30, 2001 \$	207,758	\$ <u>26.047</u> \$	233,805

CHEZ HOPE, INC.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Program	Supporting	
	Services	Services	
	Women and	Management	
	Children	and General	<u>Total</u>
Automobile Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$	9,000
Client Expenses	26,509		26,509
Depreciation	28,339		28,339
Equipment Rental &			
Maintenance	5,319		5,319
Dues & Subscription	939	- -	939
Insurance - General	30,922		30,922
Interest Expense	14,032		14,032
Accounting & Legal		\$ 4,639	4,639
Rent	7,055	- ←	7,055
Building Repairs &			
Maintenance	1,200		1,200
Retirement	9,270		9,270
Salaries	206,609	 -	206,609
Contract Labor	19,211		19,211
Supplies	213	4,083	4,296
Taxes	24,428		24,428
Telephone	30,672		30,672
Travel	8,746	← ←	8,746
Utilities	15,684	← ►	15,684
Conferences & Training	<i>e</i> -	5,932	5,932
Office Expenses		8,108	8,108
Postage & Shipping	·- -	7,282	7,282
Printing & Publication		1,794	1,794
Library Expenses		354	354
Miscellaneous	4,456		4,456
Total \$	442.604	\$ <u>32,192</u> \$	474,796

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 125,000
Adjustments to Net Assets	
Add: Depreciation	28,339
Add: Interest Expense	14,032
(Increase) Decrease in Assets	
Grant Receivable	(3,297)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	1,952
Accrued Expenses	(10,085)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by	
Operating Activities	<u>155,941</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Property & Building Improvements	(123,386)
Purchase of Equipment	(2,193)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by	
Investing Activities	(125,579)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Proceeds from Notes	29,992
Interest Payments on Loans	(14,032)
Payments on Loans	(36,555)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing	
Activities	(6,563)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash	
Equivalents	23,799
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2000	<u>8,584</u>

Note 1: Chez Hope, Inc. has been granted the use of a parish at no cost to the agency. This building is used to house the administrative offices of Chez Hope, Inc.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization

The Chez Hope, Inc. is a not-for-profit domestic violence program, which provides assistance, both emergency and non-emergency to battered persons and their children.

During the prior year audit period Chez Hope began administering a program known as the Batterer's Intervention Program which assists known batterers in a group setting which allows for counseling and group support to learn alternate forms of behavior. This activity is housed in the various parishes served by Chez Hope, Inc. in facilities separate and apart from Chez Hope, Inc.

B. <u>Principles</u>

The financial statements of Chez Hope have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

C. Basis of Presentation

Chez Hope's financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SAFS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, the organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

Unrestricted Net Assets are limited only by the broad limits resulting from the nature of the organization, the environment in which it operates, and the purposes specified in its articles of incorporation or bylaws and limits resulting from contractual agreements with suppliers, creditors and others entered into by the organization in the course of its business.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets are assets whose restrictions lapse with the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are assets whose restrictions do not lapse with the passage of time.

Presently Chez Hope, Inc. has unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

D. Contributions

Contributions are recognized when a donor makes a promise to give. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized.

Chez Hope, Inc. has not valued the amount of rent contributed by St. Mary Parish for the use of their administrative facilities because this amount cannot be reasonably estimated due to the building being uninhabitable at the time use was granted by the Parish. The improvements made by Chez Hope, Inc. have not been appraised as of June 30, 2001.

E. Equipment and Furnishings

Equipment and furnishings are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over 3 years for vehicles, 7 years for furniture and equipment and 10 years for leasehold improvements. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statement of activity for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to expense as incurred; significant renewals and betterments are capitalized. Deductions are made of retirements resulting from renewals or betterments.

F. Income Taxes

Chez Hope is operating under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is generally exempt from federal, state and local income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements. This nonprofit organization has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Sec 509 (A).

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, Chez Hope considers all unrestricted cash and other highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

I. Annual and Sick Leave

Chez Hope accrues vacation on all full-time employees at a rate of one day per month (12 days annually). Employees can carry a maximum of ten days annual leave to the following calendar year. Chez Hope also allows full time employees to carry a maximum of fifteen days of sick leave to the following year. When an employee is terminated, the amounts accrued are then remitted to the terminating employee.

These financial statements contain an accrual for accumulated vacation leave. The amount of accumulated sick time is not reflected in these statements due to the immaterial nature of the balances.

NOTE 2 - GRANT RECEIVABLE

Chez Hope, Inc. had the following amounts due from their grantors at June 30, 2001:

Federal \$ 33,730 State <u>5,000</u> \$ 38,730

NOTE 3 – PREPAID EXPENSES

The balance of \$3,084 represents the organization's prepayment of general liability, auto and property insurance.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 4- FURNITURE & FIXTURES

Chez Hope's furniture and fixtures consist of the following:

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Vehicles	\$ 27,661			\$ 27,661
Equipment and				
Furnishings	55,601	2,193		57,794
Buildings	46,879	120,486		167,365
Land	26,250		₽	26,250
Leaschold				
Improvements	<u> 36,520</u>	2,900	#+ #+ P	39,420
Total	\$ <u>192,911</u>	\$ <u>125,579</u>	-	\$ <u>318,490</u>
Less: Accur	nulated Depreciation	on		(70,803)
Net Fixed A	•			\$ <u>247,687</u>

Total depreciation expense totals \$ 28,338 at June 30, 2001.

NOTE 5 – NOTE PAYABLE

The balance in note payable of \$12,523 represents a line of credit, due on demand, bearing interest at 28% per annum.

NOTE 6- LONG TERM DEBT

Chez Hope's long-term obligations consist of the following:

Note payable to Regions Bank at 9.10% per annum, due in monthly installments of \$ 347, maturing in February of 2010, secured by property.

\$ 24,122

Unsecured non-interest bearing note payable to a private individual, due in monthly payments of \$400, maturing in June of 2003.

9,200

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 6- LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

Unsecured note payable to the City of Franklin's Revolving Loan Fund at 3% per annum, due in monthly installments of \$ 303, maturing in February 2006.

\$ 19,492

Total Long - Term Debt

\$ 52,814

Principal maturities of long-term debt are indicated below:

Year	<u>Amount</u>
2002	12,600
2003	10,200
2004	10,200
2005	10,200
2006-2010	9,614
Total	\$ <u>52,814</u>

NOTE 7- RETIREMENT PLAN

Chez Hope, Inc. has a qualified 401 (k) deferred compensation plan for all eligible employees of the shelter. Currently, Chez Hope matches contributions to a maximum of five percent of the cligible employee's compensation. The total retirement plan contributions made by Chez Hope, Inc. is \$ 9,270 for the year ended June 30, 2001.

NOTE 8 – CONCENTRATIONS

The majority of support received by Chez Hope, Inc. comes in the form of grants from the State of Louisiana, the Federal government, the Parish of St. Mary and surrounding parishes and various other organizations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

NOTE 9 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Because Chez Hope, Inc. receives the majority of its funding from federal, state and local government agencies, significant budget cuts at the federal, state or local level could have adverse effects on Chez Hope's operations.

As of this writing, management is not aware of any governmental actions, which could adversely effect the funding received by Chez Hope, Inc.

NOTE 10 – JOINT VENTURE

During the prior audit period Chez Hope, Inc. purchased blighted property in partnership with the City of Franklin for \$ 32,000. This property is being used to provide six single-family dwellings for battered adults and their dependent children. The governing body has granted full use of the property for this program; however only one-half of the amount or \$ 16,250 has been recorded on Chez Hope's financial statements as land.

NOTE 11 – EMPHASIS OF A MATTER – OFFICE OF WOMEN'S SERVICES

During the course of my testing I noted that audit fees were not paid with federal funds, but with private grant funds.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors of Chez Hope, Inc. Franklin, LA 70879-7308

I have audited the financial statements of the Chez Hope, Inc. (nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued my report thereon dated August 30, 2001. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Chez Hope's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item # 98-1.

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Chez Hope's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect Chez Hope's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

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This reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item #98-1.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe that none of the reportable conditions described in the schedule of findings and questioned costs is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of management, the Board of Directors of Chez Hope, Inc., federal, state and local awarding agencies and pass-through agencies. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Eileen Shanklin Andrus

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

August 30, 2001

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

Section 1 Summar	y of Auditor's	Reports
Financial Statements		
Type of auditor's report issued = unqualifie	đ	
Type of auditor's report issued on complian	ce and interna	l control = qualified.
Internal Control over financial reporting:		
Material Weakness(es) identified Reportable Condition(s) identified that is not considered to be material weaknesses	Yes	XNonone reported
Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted?	Yes	X No
<i>Federal Awards</i> Internal Control over major progran	ıs: NOT APPI	LICABLE
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	No
Reportable condition(s) identified that is not considered to be a material weakness(es).	Yes	none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on complian	ce for major p	rograms = NOT APPLICABLE.
Any audit findings disclosed that Are required to be reported In accordance with section 510 (a) of Circular A-133?	Yes	, No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

Section	on 1 Summary of Auditor's Reports			
Identification of major program	Identification of major programs:			
<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	Name of Federal Program or Cluster			
NONE	NONE			
Dollar threshold used to disting	guish			
Between type A and type B pro				
Auditee qualified as low-risk a	uditee? Yes No			
Secti	on II Financial Statement Findings			
#98-1 Segregation of Duties				
Condition: During the course of duties in the accounting function	of my testing I noted that there is very little segregation of on.			
Cause: This condition is caused department.	d by the relatively small size of the entity and its accounting			
Effect: This condition has the	effect of weakening controls in the accounting function.			
	ernal control over the accounting function would not have the conciling bank statements, making deposits and entering edger.			
Questioned Costs: None				
Recommendation: There is no	recommendation due to the size of the entity.			

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

SINGLE AUDIT NOT REQUIRED.

Status of Prior Year Findings and Management Comments

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

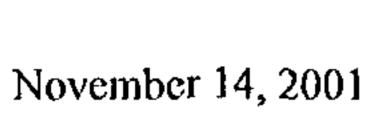
Management Letter Comments

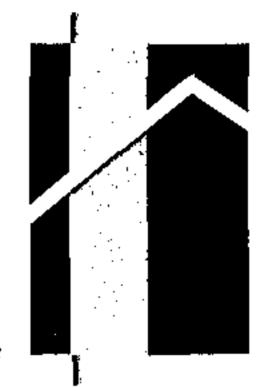
INTERNAL CONTROL

98-1 Segregation of Duties = COMMENT REPEATED IN THIS REPORT.

MANAGEMENT LETTER

#1 - 00	Physical Inventory - Comment Resolved
#2 - 00	Ethical Considerations – Comment Resolved
#3 - 00	Accounting and Accounting Software - Comment Resolved.





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CHEZ HOPE

Eileen S. Andrus, C.P.A. 2100 Third Street, Suite # 9 Kenner, LA 70062

RE: 2001 Audit

Dear Ms. Andrus:

Please accept the following response to your findings noted in our 2001 audit.

98 - 1 Segregation of Duties

Response: Chez Hope is a relatively small organization with a total two paid staff and a few volunteers in administration. An attempt to segregate duties is made. A volunteer/student intern picks up the mail, opens and stamps the mail daily. The executive director reviews and distributes the mail. The bookkeeper compiles all financial pieces and prepares for processing. The executive director authorizes payments, the bookkeeper makes out checks and deposits monies, but does not sign checks. Checks are signed by the executive director and an authorized signer who is member of the board of directors.

Chez Hope's bookkeeper is fairly new in the position. This year particular emphasis will be made to document in greater detail original receipts/expenditures clearly referencing all client numbers, etc... to ensure easier referencing for administration and fiscal compliance.

Should Chez Hope receive adequate funding to enhance the administration, more segregation of duties will be implemented.

Sincerely,

Jeanne K. Re Blanc,

Executive Director











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